

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-12, are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 2 and 5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner asserted that “the making of a roller member comprising a contact surface for contacting with another transmission component” must be shown. The “making of a roller member” has been amended to “providing a roller member ...” to be more consistent with the method described and shown in the specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this objection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

- The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-12 under §112, 1st paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner asserted that the specification fails to provide support for a process of “making a toroidal-type continuously variable transmission component”. Applicants have amended the claims so as to more closely follow the “process for testing a continuously variable transmission component” as set forth in the specification as originally filed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.
- The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-4, and 6-12, under §112, 2nd paragraph, as indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner asserted that “toroidal-type” is indefinite. Accordingly, Applicants have removed this term from the claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

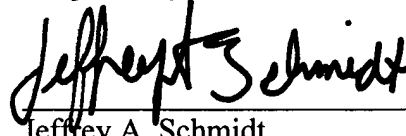
Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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